

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, only claims 45 to 49 and claims 53 to 55 were rejected.

An indication was provided on page 5 of the Office Action that claims 51, 52, and 57 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

As indicated in the preceding listing of claims, claim 45 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 51, which has been cancelled. Amended claim 45 is thus equivalent to claim 51 rewritten in independent form. It is therefore believed that amended claim 45 is allowable, since page 5 of the Office Action confirmed that claim 51 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 46 to 49 depend from allowable claim 45, and therefore are also believed to be allowable.

Claim 52 has been rewritten in independent form, and is therefore allowable as indicated on page 5 of the Office Action.

Claim 53 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 57, and thus is equivalent to claim 57 rewritten in independent form. Amended claim 53 is therefore believed to be allowable.

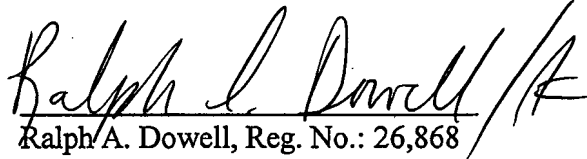
Since claims 54 and 55 depend from allowable amended independent claim 53, these claims are also allowable.

Only independent claims that correspond to allowable rewritten claims 51, 52, and 57, and dependent claims which depend therefrom, remain in the application. It is thus respectfully submitted that the application is now in allowable form, and early and favourable consideration of the application are respectfully requested.

In the event that any issues remain to be resolved in respect of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to most expeditiously resolve those issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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